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Identical letters dated 23 June 2014 from the Permanent Representative of the Syrian Arab Republic to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council

On Sunday, 22 June and Monday, 23 June 2014, in yet another blatant violation of the 1974 Disengagement of Forces Agreement, the Charter of the United Nations and international law, Israeli occupying forces committed a fresh aggression against positions in the territory of the Syrian Arab Republic. Those forces fired tank and mortar shells and two rockets, and five Israeli aircraft attacked positions of the Syrian law enforcement forces, killing four persons and wounding nine others and causing substantial damage to installations and equipment. The air strikes by the Israeli enemy air force coincided with attacks by armed terrorist groups against law enforcement positions. The attacks were repulsed by the troops manning those positions. This Israeli aggression occurred within earshot and before the eyes of Mr. Hervé Ladsous, the Under-Secretary-General for Peacekeeping Operations, who was present in the operations room of the United Nations Disengagement Observer Force as it closely monitored these Israeli aggressions all along the ceasefire line.

This new Israeli aggression is part of the Israeli enemy's ongoing direct support for armed terrorist group in the area of separation. It took place after the terrorist gangs had suffered heavy losses at the hands of Syrian law enforcement forces. It is not only a flagrant violation of the Disengagement of Forces Agreement, but also threatens the safety and security of United Nations personnel. Israel continues to carry out aggressions and provocative actions, whether by directly providing logistical support to terrorist groups or by direct military aggression against Syrian territory in order to protect these groups.

In conveying to the Secretary-General and the Security Council the details of these grave Israeli aggressions, the Government of the Syrian Arab Republic calls on the Council to shoulder its responsibilities and implement its resolutions, in order to deter Israel from continuing with its attempts to exacerbate the situation and threaten security and peace in the region and beyond. Syria calls on the Security

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Council to condemn clearly these aggressions, which are a blatant violation of the Disengagement of Forces Agreement, and Israel's direct support for terrorist groups operating in the area of separation and the surrounding areas, which constitutes a flagrant violation of the Council's counter-terrorism resolutions.

Syria once again calls on the Security Council to enforce compliance with its relevant resolutions, including resolutions 242 (1967), 338 (1973) and 497 (1981), which reject Israeli occupation of the Syrian Golan and call for Israel to withdraw from all Arab territory it occupies, including the occupied Syrian Golan, to the line of 4 June 1967.

I should be grateful if the present letter could be issued as a document of the sixty-eighth session of the General Assembly, under agenda item 35, and of the Security Council.

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